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SERIAL NO. 10/516,921	GROUP ART UNIT: 1791
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING EXPANDABLE POLYSTYRENE	

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

   This subject Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

   This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted together with a request for continued examination. A fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is not required (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)).

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Listing of Relevant Documents:

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449.

Remarks:

The listed documents (BA) through (BI) were brought to applicants' attention in the course of opposition procedings relating to the European counterpart of the application. Documents (AA) and (AB) were introduced into the opposition proceedings by applicants. Documents (A) and (B) are U.S. counterpart publications of the documents (AA) and (AB).

Document (BE) is in the German language and a translation of the reference is currently not readily available. The table which is set forth on pages 300 and 301 compiles properties of styrene homo- and copolymers.

Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(E):

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